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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT NEA TECHNICAL REPORT

1. MISSION WILL RECALL DISCUSSIONS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS
CONCERNING DRAFT CHAPTERS PREPARED BY NEA CONSULTANTS GROUP
ON TECHNOLOGICAL PROTECTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS. DRAFT
SECTION 2 ON "AVAILABILITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS" PREPARED
BY H.W. HUBBARD, R&D ASSOCIATES (US) HAS BEEN COMPLETELY
REDRAFTED BY HUBBARD AFTER INITIAL DOE AND UK OBJECTIONS.
HUBBARD REDRAFT AN IMPROVEMENT BUT DOE HAS PREPARED COMMENTS
WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MISSION.

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2. AT OCTOBER 1977 NEA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, UK,
FRG AND FRANCE DELEGATES EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT
INITIATION OF NEA'S EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. DOE NOW
ADVISED BY JOHN GAUNT, UK ATOMIC ENERGY ATTACHE, WASHINGTON,
THAT KEY CHAPTER OF CONSULTANT'S REPORT WHICH OUTLINES
POSSIBLE TECHNICAL MEASURES WHICH COULD BE UNDERTAKEN,
DRAFTED BY BELL, UK, IS UNACCEPTABLE TO UK AUTHORITIES. UK

OF VIEW NEA EFFORT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DROPPED AND REQUESTED US SUPPORT.

3. IN VIEW OF INFCE EFFORTS (ESPECIALLY WORKING GROUPS 4, 5 AND 8) WHICH SHOULD ADEQUATELY COVER THE TECHNICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO NEA, US IS OF VIEW THAT NEA CONSULTANT'S GROUP EFFORT WOULD NOT MAKE USEFUL ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME. WE SUGGEST NEA SECRETARIAT PROVIDE INPUT IN THIS TECHNICAL AREA, AS APPROPRIATE, TO INFCE WORKING GROUPS AND RECONSIDER AT A LATER DATE, BASED ON RESULTS OF INFCE WORK, WHETHER AN NEA ACTIVITY WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

4. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE HANNUM, NEA, OF OUR VIEWS. VANCE

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